

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-20 and 22 are pending in the case. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in view of the remarks.

Claims 1, 3-20 and 22 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-17 of USPN 6,970,931 (Bellamy et al.). The Examiner stated essentially that although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other.

A terminal disclaimer is attached hereto.

The present application, Serial No. 09/808,211, and Patent No. 6,970,931 to Bellamy were, at the time the invention of Application Serial No. 09/808,211 was made, owned by International Business Machines Corporation.

The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-18 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Ryan et al. (U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0130899). The Examiner stated essentially that Ryan teaches all the limitations of claims 12-18.

Claim 12 claims, "representing the aspect in an activity map including at least two perspectives of the aspect; representing an activity of a user within the environment, wherein the activity corresponds to the aspect and is represented in each perspective simultaneously; and representing the activity of the user as a tangible link between each perspective of the aspect."

Ryan teaches a weather system providing multiple methods of navigating through a web site (see Abstract). Ryan does not teach “representing an activity of a user within the environment, wherein the activity corresponds to the aspect and is represented in each perspective separately” as claimed in Claim 12. Ryan teaches a web site design – as such user activity is limited to interaction with the web site, e.g., cursors, drop down menus, etc. Ryan does not teach user activity presented in multiple ways simultaneously, much less “representing an activity of a user within the environment, wherein the activity corresponds to the aspect and is represented in each perspective simultaneously” as claimed in Claim 12. Therefore, Ryan fails to teach all the limitations of Claim 12.

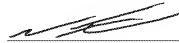
Claims 13-18 depend from Claim 12. The dependent claims are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons given for Claim 12.

The Examiner’s reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

For the forgoing reasons, the present application, including claims 1, 3-20 and 22, is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner’s early and favorable action is respectfully urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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